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Department of Revenue's Aberdeen Field Office to Close

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 12, 2001—The Department of Revenue's Aberdeen field office will close to the public on January 31. Its staff will relocate to the Olympia field office at Target Place Complex, 2735 Harrison Ave NW, Suite 440.

The closure is part of an ongoing effort by the Department to reduce the cost of tax collection by consolidating field offices, improving procedures, and other efficiencies, Agency Director Fred Kiga said.

He noted that state tax collections have risen 24 percent over the past five years and the number of registered businesses is up 26 percent. During that same period, department staffing levels have declined 8 percent.

"We regret having to close the Aberdeen office, but the continuing downsizing of state government forces us to make some tough choices that lead to greater efficiencies," said Kiga.

Offsetting the closure is the availability of additional tax resources over the Internet at dor.wa.gov and the Department's toll-free assistance line, 1-800-647-7706. For those who wish to visit the Olympia field office, maps to the Department's field offices are available online at <http://dor.wa.gov/folist.asp?noframes>.

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